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BRITISH CRUISER ARETHUSA STRIKES MINE; VESSEL TOTAL LOSS; 10 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

ALL SINGLE MEN CALLED TO ARMS BY ENGLAND; ANOTHER VAST WAR CREDIT IS SOUGHT

Official Proclamation Under Derby Plan Calls To Service All Unmarried Men Who Have Not Yet Enlisted.

Next War Credit Will Be for 250,000,000 Pounds, Bringing Total of Loans Up to Nearly Two Billion Pounds.

London, Feb. 14—Official proclamation calling up the remaining single men under the Derby plan and the military service action, was posted today.

The call to the colors will have the effect of enrolling all single men of military age who have not been enlisted.

A London despatch of Saturday, forecasting today's call, said the unexpectedly speedy summons might be attributed to the many recent consultations between the minister of munitions and the war office.

Another Big War Credit
It is expected the next vote of credit will be introduced soon after parliament reassembles tomorrow. The statement is made unofficially that the vote will be for 250,000,000 pounds, bringing up the total of war credits to 4,912,000,000 pounds.

BULGARIANS OCCUPY FIERI IN ALBANIA

London, Feb. 14—A Reuter's despatch from Athens says that Bulgarian forces have occupied the Albanian town of Fieri, about 16 miles from Avlone.

A despatch from Athens on Feb. 7 said that, according to advices from Austria, Austrian and Bulgarian troops had formed a junction in Albania and occupied the town of Elbasan, 38 miles southeast of Durazzo and 50 miles northeast of Avlone. The Austrian official statement announced that Feb. 9 Austrian-Hungarian troops occupied Tirana which lies about 20 miles northwest of Elbasan. The present announcement that the Bulgarians have occupied Fieri, which is about 37 miles southwest of Elbasan, may indicate that the Austrians and Bulgarians have started separate campaigns from that point, the former advancing on Durazzo, while the Bulgarians are aiming at Avlone, which is occupied by Italian troops. The Austrian official statement published on Feb. 13 said that Italian forces had attacked the positions taken by the Austrians west of Tirana, but that their attacks had failed.

PRESIDENT YET UNDECIDED ON CABINET CHOICE

Washington, Feb. 14—President Wilson reached no decision as to whom to appoint as secretary of war while he was on his week-end trip down the Potomac, and a successor to former Secretary Garrison may not be announced for several days.

The Mayflower, with President and Mrs. Wilson aboard, arrived at the navy yard at 8 a. m. They did not leave the yacht for the White House until shortly before 8 o'clock.

The President's yacht had a rough voyage home during which no one left the cabin and it was said some of the members of the party were seasick.

The former Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago was suggested to President Wilson today by Representative Sabath of Illinois, for secretary of war. Mr. Wilson promised to give the name serious consideration and said he expected to reach a decision in the near future.

Fair tonight and Tuesday.

BRIDGEPORT WILL STAGE NEXT STATE CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Bridgeport staged the first statewide rumble in political events of this presidential year today when the Democratic State Central committee met here to name the date and place of the spring convention.

Despite the conspiracy of the elements to tie-up transportation facilities, there was a good-sized gathering of Democratic leaders at The Stratfield when the committee and guests sat down to luncheon at 1:30 o'clock. The luncheon was delayed an hour in order that the belated noon trains might deliver their quota of politicians.

That Bridgeport can have the spring convention was conceded before the committee met for business. It was expected that there would be little or no opposition to the selection of this city for the convention, which probably will be held before the middle of May, will elect 14 delegates and alternates to the national convention in St. Louis.

Two of Bridgeport's three members of the committee were represented. Patrick H. Brady, of the Twenty-Second district, was present in person, and Col. T. J. Murphy held the proxy of Michael J. Clabby, of the Twenty-First district. William F. Russell was not present.

Train schedules were awry because of the storm and cold weather, and it was after noon when the advance guard of committeemen and others arrived at The Stratfield.

Patrick B. O'Sullivan of Derby, secretary of the committee, was a bit belated in arriving, and David E. Fitzgerald, of New Haven, the chairman, was still awaited at 1 o'clock.

The luncheon, which was scheduled for 12:30 o'clock, was delayed until the early afternoon trains had arrived.

Secretary O'Sullivan received the following proxies: Col. T. J. Murphy, proxy for Michael J. Clabby, Bridge-

port; Charles N. Hall, proxy for John F. Addis, New Milford; John A. Gleason, proxy for Michael J. Coleman, Hartford; Albert Phillips proxy for Galen A. Carter, of Stamford.

Among the early arrivals was National Committeeman Homer S. Cummings, of Stamford. There followed Former Congressman William Kennedy, of Naugatuck; Former Congressman Thomas L. Reilly, of Meriden; Former Congressman Bryan F. Mahan, of New London; United States District Attorney Thomas J. Spellacy, of Hartford, who is also a member of the state central committee, was also an early arrival.

Informal discussion among the committeemen and visitors, before the committee indicated that Bridgeport probably would be named for the spring convention city. No other city had put in a bid for the meeting. Secretary O'Sullivan said, and it was his belief that Bridgeport would do the honors in the Spring.

Candidates for office on the state ticket at the last election were also among the invited guests at today's meeting.

One vacancy was noted in the state central committee. No successor to William J. Beecher of that town, who died recently, had been named. The membership of the committee follows:

David E. Fitzgerald, New Haven, chairman; Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Derby, secretary; Louis E. Stoddard, New Haven, treasurer; District 1, Michael A. Coleman, Hartford; 2, Charles J. Dillon, Hartford; 3, Thomas J. Spellacy, Hartford; 4, John E. Hayes, Manchester; 5, Andrew J. Brannan, Forestville; 6, George M. Landers, New Britain; 7, Michael J. Connor, Thompsonville; 8, Thomas E. Cahill, New Haven; 9, Edward P. Keating, New Haven; 10, James E. McGinn, New Haven; 11, James F. Dineen, New Haven; 12, Hugh Prior, Wallingford; 13, Owen Horan, Meriden; 14, Alexander E. (Continued on Page 2.)

PRESIDENT IS WILLING TO TAKE RENOMINATION, HE TELLS OHIO VOTERS

LAKE INTERESTS AFTER CONTRACT FOR GIANT SUBS

Two Deep Sea Cruising Underwater Vessels Planned By Uncle Sam.

Two deep-sea cruising submarines of a type to eclipse in strength, armament, and cruising radius the famous U-boats of the German navy are planned by the American government. The Lake Torpedo Boat company of this city are to bid on at least one and officials, though refusing to discuss the matter today, are sanguine of obtaining the contract.

It is expected that for some months that the government had formulated secret plans for the building of these boats. The displacement will be more than 1,200 tons, twice the size of any submarine now afloat. The vessel probably will be more than 300 feet in length, will be equipped with complete rapid-fire armament and is expected to have a cruising radius of nearly 5,000 miles, at about 10 knots under water and 21 knots or better on the surface.

It is believed that the largest force of mechanics ever used at the Lake Torpedo Boat Co.'s plant in this city will be engaged in the construction of this boat if the contract is landed. Bids are to be submitted and opened at noon on February 16. Officials of the local company will leave for Washington Tuesday night.

It is expected that there will be keen competition for the making of these boats by the Fore River Shipbuilding company, the Electric Boat company and other submarine yards. The outcome of the bidding is anxiously awaited here.

Will Not Enter Contest, But Is Agreeable To Allowing His Name To Go Before Voters In Primary Coming Soon.

Washington, Feb. 14—President Wilson today formally gave his consent that his name be used as a candidate for renomination.

In a letter to the secretary of state of Ohio, the President stated that he was willing to enter a contest for the nomination but was ready to permit the use of his name in the coming primary in order that the Democrats of Ohio might make known their preference.

The President made known his position in order to comply with the Ohio primary law which requires candidates for delegates to the party conventions to make known their first and second choice before Feb. 25 and also requires that the candidates for delegates have the consent of their party.

The President was formally notified of the requirements of the law last week and today he wrote Charles Q. Hildebrand, secretary of state of Ohio, as follows:

"I am enclosing to you a letter, the occasion of which I dare say will be quite obvious. Friends in Ohio have called my attention to Section 4954 of the general code of Ohio as amended in 1914 with regard to primary elections and have requested that I indicate my willingness to have my name used."

"I accordingly take the liberty of sending you the enclosed letter as formal permission under the statute."

The letter the President inclosed was as follows: "While I am entirely unwilling to enter into any contest for the Presidential nomination of the Democratic party, I am willing to permit the use of my name that the Democrats in Lynch, West Haven; 15, James A. (Continued on Page 2.)

LUMBER SHIP IN PORT, CRIPPLED BY HARD VOYAGE

Another Ship Reaches Port Minus One of Crew, Frozen To Death.

DESERTER MAY HAVE BEEN FUGITIVE SPY

Helen Montague Takes 22 Days For Eight Days' Journey Along Coast.

The Helen Montague, Capt. James Balmer, from St. John's, Nova Scotia, with a cargo of lumber for the Frank Miller Lumber Co., limped into port this morning under jury-rig, reporting one of the roughest trips in the 30 years' experience of the skipper.

With her fore-topmast and backstays parted, her bow sides, deck load, and furled sails coated with shimmering ice, and with a short-handed crew, the Montague showed the effects of storm. Captain Balmer talked freely of his troubles as the big three masted finally lay at her berth at East Washington avenue.

To add to difficulties from storm, conditions forced the good ship into five ports on the way down, consuming 22 days against which the usual eight required in clear weather, the British government had sought him in connection with a former seaman, now in the Dorchester penitentiary. He had a desertion, too, at Portland, Me., that is believed by the crew to mean that a German spy made his get-away from Nova Scotia in the nick of time, but left the crew short-handed without the help of a "cooky" that is so essential in time of storm.

Captain Balmer reports speaking the schooner American Team, code R. R. of Boston, at St. John's, overduke at the Singer Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport. The American Team was lying for repairs off Gloucester.

The Montague is a three-masted schooner, having a gross tonnage of seven men, 370 tons burden and carried a deckload of 406,000 feet of spruce planking for the local concern. Not a strip had been lost overboard though the head-seam had continually washed over fore and aft.

Speaking of the trip today the skipper said: "We left St. John's with fair winds. We had not sooner left the Bay of Fundy when we encountered head-seas and winds that kept us awash most of the time. The snow and sleet was hard on the men and encased the spars and riggings in heavy ice. On the sixth day we struck a sudden squall. In trying to let the topsails go, as we labored under the blow, we found that they were fast. It was necessary that men be sent aloft to cut away the frozen ropes."

"The back-stays parted on the fore-topmast and she went by the board. As we lay-to we managed to recover the broken mast and sails, which we hauled cut down and re-rigged, coming through with the jury-rigging."

The broken mast caused much comment as the ship came up the bay under tow this morning. "Bill" Haroby, the cook who had been shipped at St. John's, N. B., went over the side at Portland, where the Montague put in under storm signals. Libby was supposed by the British authorities to be an Englishman, but there were rumors among the crew today that he was a German spy who sought information for his government and took the first opportunity to get away from St. John's, where nearly 500 men are now training for service at the front. He made his escape by sliding down a rope and into a dory waiting for him alongside the ship just as it was clearing Portland.

A letter which reached Capt. Balmer just as he got under way in St. John's harbor from the Dominion Parole office asked information about James Reginald Evans, a former sailor on the Montague. It appears that Evans, believed to be an American sailor, is under arrest but the charge on which he is held is not specified. The questions asked by the Dominion prison authorities but a letter was sent from this port today giving him a clean bill of health while working on the ship.

The severity of the storms encountered by the Montague may be seen by the necessity of the ship putting in at Brant St. John's, where the My 300, Boothbay, Me., Portland, Me., Gloucester, Mass., and passing through the newly opened Cape Cod canal.

"It is one of the worst trips I have ever made," said Capt. Balmer today. At the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in this city it is said that no report of the schooner American Team coming to Bridgeport has been received from their New York offices. It is local belief that the American Team is carrying sewing machines from New York to St. John.

The Harold B. Cousens with lumber for the A. W. Burritt Co. of this city, which also arrived this morning, lost a man by his being frozen to death on the way down. A despatchman, Yens Olson, who shipped with the Cousens at St. John's, New Brunswick, was found dead from the cold off Little Michias Harbor, Me.

The Cousens' trip was paralleled to that of the Montague. She left St. (Continued on Page 2.)

GORDON TO END SERVICES HERE EARLY IN MARCH

Superintendent of Charities May Retain Support of Commissioner-Ellis.

MACDONALD CAN STAY AT HILLSIDE HOME

Salary Boost For Morrissey Is Contemplated By Department.

That the term of Spencer R. Gordon as superintendent of the charities department will be brought to a close at the first meeting of the board in March was the opinion expressed today by a man high in the administration.

The appointment is being sought by three local men. Investigator Alexander Morrissey is being considered for the position but it is not believed that he will procure the appointment. Morrissey is regarded as efficient in his present capacity as investigator. As a solace to Investigator Morrissey he will be given a raise in his salary.

The salary of superintendent of charities will also probably be raised from \$7,400 to \$8,000 or \$8,500. There will be no new superintendent at Lakeview home providing Dr. J. J. MacDonald wishes to accept a reappointment.

When the meeting of the board of charities is held early in March the name of Supt. Spencer R. Gordon will be offered for reappointment by Commissioner T. L. Ellis.

PROJECTILE CO. ADDS 7 MILLION TO ITS CAPITAL

Hartford, Feb. 14—The Bridgeport Forge & Projectile Co. and the Bridgeport Projectile Co. have each filed a certificate of an issue of additional stock with the secretary of state, in the case of the former it amounts to \$5,000,000 and the subscribers are George W. Hoadley, of New York, 99,900 shares; Carl Foster, Bridgeport, 80; Frederick E. Morgan, Bridgeport, 10; Daniel J. Morgan, Bridgeport, 10. The Projectile Co. increase is \$2,000,000, Mr. Hoadley taking 19,990 shares, Mr. Foster eight and E. J. Naylor and F. E. Morgan one each.

G. W. Hoadley, one of the Hoadley brothers who have been prominent in the development of the American & British Mfg. Co., has been the leading spirit in the Bridgeport Projectile Co. He figured prominently in the affairs of the international power company. The other names listed as stockholders are the members of a law firm, Foster & Morgan, and the father of the latter, who was secretary of the treasury during the administration of the late President Grover Cleveland.

BURTON IS TAKEN TO STATE PRISON TO BEGIN TERM

New Haven, Feb. 14—Franklin Burton, former treasurer of the Ansonia Savings Bank, in Ansonia, was taken from the county jail to the state prison at Joliet, Ill., to begin his term to ten years' sentence imposed on him in the superior court last week for embezzlement of the bank's funds.

Nine other prisoners were also transferred to the state prison, including Mrs. Sophia Kraus, who is under a life sentence for drowning her two small sons in a reservoir in Milford. Today's transfer of prisoners leaves jail for the first time in four years clear of state prisoners with the exception of one man, who is to be taken to Wethersfield at the completion of sentence, which he is now serving.

AUSTRIAN NOTICE ON ARMING SHIPS RECEIVED BY U. S.

Washington, Feb. 14—Austria's formal notification of her intention to sink without warning armed merchant ships after March 1 was received today by the state department. It is substantially the same as that received from Germany.

PATCHEN CASE TOMORROW.

The state secretary will hear tomorrow the auto case of Byron Patchen, Bridgeport, who obtained license while under age.

Admiralty Office Admits That Warship is Probably Lost—Goes Down Off East Coast of England With Casualty List of Ten or More—Reported Loss of French Cruiser Amiral Charner, Off Syrian Coast, Is Confirmed—Victim of Submarine Attack.

London, Feb. 14—The British cruiser Arethusa struck a mine today off the coast of England, according to a statement issued by the British official press bureau.

It is feared, the statement adds, the vessel will be a total wreck.

About 10 men were lost in the sinking of the cruiser. The text of the official statement says:

"His Majesty's Ship Arethusa, Commodore Reginald Y. Tirewitt, has struck a mine off the east coast. It is feared she will become a total wreck. About 10 men were lost."

The Arethusa was a light cruiser displacing 3,600 tons. She was built at Chatham in 1913-14. She was 410 feet long, 33 feet beam and had a mean draft of 14 feet.

The cruiser was armed with two six-inch guns fore and aft and six four-inch guns on the broadside. She also was equipped with four 21-inch torpedo tubes.

The Arethusa had not been 48 hours out of the hands of her builders before she was called upon to take part in one of the most important battles in the North Sea since the war began—that of the engagement off Heligoland, August 28, 1914.

An official statement given out by the French ministry of marine yesterday said that no news had been received from the cruiser Amiral Charner since Feb. 8, when, according to a German telegram, a submarine had sunk "a French warship."

SIX KILLED IN MILAN AIR RAID

London, Feb. 14—A Reuter despatch from Milan says six persons were killed and several injured by bombs dropped from aeroplanes which appeared over the city this morning. The despatch says several aeroplanes took part in the raid, which was made at 9 a. m. Anti-aircraft guns opened a heavy fusillade and the aeroplanes disappeared after dropping bombs. The material damage was small. The casualties were all among civilians.

Milan is in northern Italy, south of the Swiss border, and 70 miles east of the Austrian line. There have been a number of aeroplane raids during the war over Venice, Ancona and other points along the east coast, such as the one reported yesterday which caused the death of 15 persons, but aerial attacks heretofore have not been made on points as far in the interior as Milan.

Milan is the second largest city in Italy with a population of about 800,000. It has some of the finest churches of Europe, including the celebrated Cathedral Mariae Nascenti. Its galleries contain many valuable works of art.

MUNITIONS FACTORY OF GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. IS WRECKED BY BLAZE

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 14—The munition plant of the General Electric Company was wrecked by a fire today. The blaze was finally extinguished by the company's private fire department and no report was made to the city police or fire authorities. Officials of the company withheld all information regarding the fire.

The employees of the munitions plant were sent home. It was reported that the roof of the building had fallen in and that the walls had been declared unsafe.

The plant has been closely guarded for some time, and no one was allowed to approach the munitions building today.

HALF MILLION POUNDS OF POWDER ON VESSEL BOUND TO THIS CITY

The largest quantity of powder ever received in Bridgeport at one time and the first lot to come by water this year is due today on the lighter "Shaw" from Hoboken, N. J., to Bridgeport.

The cargo is said to contain 500,000 pounds in bags and is but a small quantity of the aggregate of freight and express shipments.

Harbormaster William A. Lamond, admitted today that he had been notified by the Remington-U. M. C. Co. of the shipment and has taken precautions to protect shipping in the harbor.

The Shaw will not be permitted to anchor near any other vessel and may proceed directly to the dock of the City Ice & Coal company providing that no other vessels are alongside.

Besides an inspector detailed by the fire department, who will be detailed to watch the unloading of the powder by the fire department, the Remington Arms Co. has sent a corps of guards to the dock to keep all idle persons from the premises. The powder will be quickly trucked to destination in the plant and to the powder magazines.

The necessity for bringing powder from Jersey by boat is due to it is said

One Dime a Week From Everyone To End World's War

No one has as yet paid anything in the World's Liquidating & Refunding Co., of the World which David S. Beach of this city has formed to pay the debts of the world. It would appear from the annual statement of the company which Mr. Beach filed in the town clerk's office today, that the world does not want to pay its debts. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000,000 but nothing has been paid in as yet. Mr. Beach, who is president of the company, now has a plan to end the war by having every person in the civilized world pay one dime per week. He is preparing literature about his new plan.

Mayor Wilson was in Middletown today on private business returning to his office late this afternoon.